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Applicant(s) : Tsuyoshi HIRANO  
Serial No. : 09/919,264  
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Claims as Amended


(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Present extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional fee
Total claims	23	Minus	25 =	0 ×	\$18(9)	= \$0
Independent claims	2	Minus	3 =	0 ×	\$86(43)	= \$0
			Total additional fee for this amendment			= \$0

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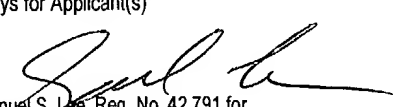
- ☐ This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$290 (\$145) has been previously paid ☐, or is paid herewith ☐.
- ☐ This response is being filed within the \_\_\_\_\_ month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. This is a petition to request a -month extension of time. A check covering the cost of the petition is enclosed.
- ☐ A USPTO Form 2038 - Credit Card Payment Form in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ .00 is attached, which covers the cost of ☐ additional claims and ☐ -month petition for extension of time.
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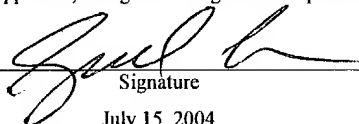
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**AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 116**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of June 7, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7.

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